

# HOW DO YOU HOST?

Social Host Ordinances in the City of Lake Forest and the Village of Lake Bluff



If an adult allows minors to consume any illicit drugs or alcohol you become a social host. You do not have to be present or aware of a gathering to be deemed a host. You are criminally and civilly liable if you do not take the necessary steps to prevent underage drug and alcohol use at any location under your responsibility.

## WHAT IS A SOCIAL HOST?

A social host is any adult who knowingly or reasonably should have known, alcohol or other drugs are being consumed by minors on property under the adult's control.

- Local ordinances hold adults criminally and civilly liable for underage drinking and drug use, regardless of who provided the illegal substances.
  - If you are cited as a social host you can be fined up to \$2,500.
- Social hosting citations can be given to adults for hosting parties at any property they are responsible for: own, lease, or control.

- Adults can be cited for social hosting even when they are:
  - Away from home,
  - Present but deny knowledge of underage drinking under their supervision,
  - Not monitoring their vacant properties that can be used for illegal activities.

## STEPS TO AVOID SOCIAL HOSTING

- Talk early. Talk often. They (really do) hear you.
- Monitor the liquor in your home. This is the easiest way for teens to access alcohol.
- When your teen has friends over:
  - Communicate that your home is an **alcohol free zone**.
  - Check-in often to be mindful of your teen's well-being.
  - Be alert for indicators of alcohol or drug use by observing behaviors and actions.

In situations where there is underage drinking or drug use at a property you control, call the police for assistance. If the host is first to seek assistance, they will not be held responsible by the Lake Forest or Lake Bluff Police Department.

LEAD & SpeakUP! encourages all Lake Forest and Lake Bluff families to **host responsibly** and check-in with your teens often. Have a **safe** and fun Fourth of July holiday weekend!



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